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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Psychological Intelligence Program

1. It is my understanding that authorized officers in our respective agencies have discussed in detail problems incident to the production of intelligence in support of psychological warfare. In order to clarify this aspect of the reorganization of this Agency, as it bears upon the rearrangements and reduced emphasis in the work of your intelligence organization, it is proposed that the responsibility for intelligence support to psychological warfare, planning and operations, of non-military aspects be centered in your organization. It is further proposed that because of the great interest of the State Department in this subject and the fact that the preponderance of such intelligence support falls within the fields of production assigned by NSCID No. 2 to the State Department, the responsibility for coordination of the work in this field among the other agencies should also rest with you. It is recognized that in the interests of effectiveness your office should be cognizant of all projects in development, relying, where desirable, upon the collaboration of others who may be primarily interested without your direct supervision. It is also recognized that this may be particularly necessary in that area of endeavor to the support of the Office of Policy Coordination in this Agency.

2. My responsibility in this matter is to see that proper arrangements are made to provide such assistance as it is in my power to do and to keep informed of the developments in this regard so that they may be satisfactory in their major aspects.

3. Because of the interests of the military agencies in this field, I have discussed this with them informally and no objection is perceived by them. If this proposal meets with your approval it would be appreciated if I could have your concurrence in order that the Government could proceed as expeditiously as possible in this important matter.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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